

## IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A magenta ink composition comprising a pigment that is C.I. Pigment Violet 32, wherein when the  $a^*$  value of the composition in accordance with the CIE standard that is calculated from a visible absorption spectrum is 80 in a diluted aqueous solution with a dilution ratio of 10,000 or less, the  $b^*$  value is -29 or less and the  $L^*$  value is 60 or less.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) The magenta ink composition according to claim 1, wherein the  $a^*$  value in accordance with the CIE standard that is calculated from a visible absorption spectrum is 7 or more in a diluted aqueous solution with a pigment concentration of  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The magenta ink composition according to claim ~~1~~ 4, wherein the concentration of the C. I. Pigment Violet 32 is 4 wt.% or less.

6. (Currently Amended) A magenta ink composition comprising at least C.I. Pigment Violet 32 and C.I. Pigment Violet 19 as pigments, wherein when the  $a^*$  value of the composition in accordance with the CIE standard that is calculated from a visible absorption spectrum is 80 in a diluted aqueous solution with a dilution ratio of 10,000 or less, the  $b^*$

value is -38 or more to -29 or less and the L\* value in accordance with the CIE standard is 60 or less.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Original) The magenta ink composition according to claim 6, wherein the a\* value in accordance with the CIE standard that is calculated from a visible absorption spectrum is 5 or more in a diluted aqueous solution with a pigment concentration of  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  g/L.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) The magenta ink composition according to claim 6 9, wherein the mixing ratio of the C. I. Pigment Violet 32 and the C. I. Pigment Violet 19 is 1 : 2 to 2 : 1.

11. (Currently Amended) The magenta ink composition according to claim 6 9, wherein the sum concentration of the C. I. Pigment Violet 32 and the C. I. Pigment Violet 19 is 4 wt.% or less.

12. (Previously Presented) The magenta ink composition according to claim 1, comprising a 14-30 wt.% organic solvent with a high boiling point.

13. (Original) The magenta ink composition according to claim 12, wherein the organic

solvent with a high boiling point includes glycerin.

14. (Previously Presented) The magenta ink composition according to claim 1, comprising a pigment as a coloring material and also a dispersant for dispersing the pigment at 10-140 wt.% based on the pigment.

15. (Previously Presented) The magenta ink composition according to claim 1, comprising a 1-20 wt.% permeation enhancer.

16. (Previously Presented) The magenta ink composition according to claim 1, comprising 0.01-5 wt.% of at least one of acetylene glycol-type compound and silicone-type compound.

17. (Previously Presented) An ink cartridge comprising the magenta ink composition according to claim 1.

18. (Currently Amended) A recording method ~~comprising providing for forming an image by using~~ the magenta ink composition according to claim 1, and forming an image with the magenta ink composition on a recording medium.

19. (Currently Amended) A recording ~~system~~ method comprising providing for forming an image by using the magenta ink composition according to claim 1 and forming an image with the magenta ink composition on a recording medium.

20. (Currently Amended) A recorded matter ~~where~~ comprising an image is formed ~~by using~~ with the magenta ink composition according to claim 1.

21. (Currently Amended) An ink set comprising a plurality of inks including the magenta ink composition according to claim 1.

22. (Original) The ink set according to claim 21, further comprising a yellow ink and a cyan ink.

23. (Original) The ink set according to claim 22, wherein the pigment concentration of the yellow ink is 5.5% or less and the pigment concentration of the cyan ink is 4% or less.

24. (Original) The ink set according to claim 22, wherein the yellow ink includes C. I. Pigment Yellow 74 and the cyan ink includes C. I. Pigment Blue 15:3 as pigments, respectively.

25. (Original) The ink set according to claim 21, further comprising a black ink.

26. (Original) The ink set according to claim 21, wherein each ink includes a pigment as a coloring material and also includes a dispersant for dispersing the pigment at 10-140 wt.% based on the pigment, respectively.

27. (Original) The ink set according to claim 21, wherein each ink includes a 0.1-30 wt.%

organic solvent with a high boiling point.

28. (Original) The ink set according to claim 21, wherein each ink includes a 1-20 wt.% permeation enhancer.

29. (Original) The ink set according to claim 21, wherein each ink includes 0.01-5 wt.% of at least one of acetylene glycol-type compound and silicone-type compound.

30. (Original) An ink cartridge comprising the ink set according to claim 21.

31. (Currently Amended) A recording method for forming an image comprising depositing each of the plurality of inks of ~~by using~~ the ink set according to claim 21 on a recording medium.

32. (Currently Amended) A recording ~~system~~ method for forming an image comprising depositing each of the plurality of inks of ~~by using~~ the ink set according to claim 21 on a recording medium.

33. (Currently Amended) A recorded matter ~~where~~ comprising an image ~~is formed by using~~ with the plurality of inks of the ink set according to claim 21.